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THE WRONG MAN CAUGHT

The North Carolina Sheriff here. Man Released From Jail.

Left Sisk, whose real name is Rodgers, who was arrested on Big Creek by Policeman Spence, and brought to jail here last Sunday a week ago, on suspicion of being a man wanted in North Carolina for murder, as reported in the last issue of the News, turns out to be not the man wanted. The Sheriff of Stokes County, North Carolina, came here on Tuesday after the prisoner, but after seeing him said he was not the man wanted, and Rodgers was released.

A reward of \$200 was offered for the capture of the man wanted in North Carolina, and policeman Spence is now wondering how the money he spent in the affair is to find its way back into his pocket.

Death of Mrs. Preston.

Mrs. Mary C. Preston, widow of the late Samuel A. Preston, and mother of Henry Preston, Cashier of the Bank of Clinch Valley, in this town, died at her home in Abingdon last Friday at 6 p. m., in the 77th year of her age.

The burial ceremonies took place on Sunday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Lancaster, her pastor, in the presence of a large concourse of people.

Mrs. Preston leaves four children, two sons and two daughters, viz: Henry and David, Miss Jennie and Mrs. Preston Summers, all of whom live in Abingdon except Mr. Henry Preston, who is the efficient Cashier of the Bank of Clinch Valley, in this town. Samuel A. Preston, her husband died in April, 1891.

Mrs. Preston had been a member of the Presbyterian church for more than fifty years. She leaves behind her a record of noble deeds, high christian character as a rich legacy to her children. A long life well spent, she entered into the rest that remains to the finally faithful.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to numerous friends and neighbors who were so universally and persistently kind and attentive to us during our recent sad bereavement.

M. J. Burkeholder and Family,
North Tazewell, Va.

Cedar Bluff.

Cedar Bluff, Va., Sept. 14. Dr. W. E. Baylor and family returned to their home here last week, after a somewhat protracted absence in the Cove.

Revs. Morrell and Eskridge, of Tazewell, were guests at the Methodist Parsonage on last Friday night. Rev. Morrell preached a very interesting sermon to a large and appreciative audience at the Methodist church.

Rev. Joseph Stras and wife, of Roanoke, are welcome visitors to our town, the guests of Mrs. Mary L. Peery.

Misses Myrtle and Helen Repass, teachers of our town, the former at Pounding Mill, the latter at Prater's, visited their home here from Friday till Sunday and report flourishing opening of their schools last week.

Miss Lula Evans, of our town, left on Monday for her school at Raven.

Cedar Bluff High School opened last Monday under very favorable auspices. Our people welcome the return of Miss Doughty as Principal, who with her three young lady assistants, Misses Scott, Barkerville and McGuire, will sustain the former reputation of this old established institution, from whose portals have gone forth in the last few years, many young ladies and gentlemen to take their places as excellent teachers in the public schools of our county.

Mr. Wade H. Peery, of Tazewell, was a welcome visitor to his home here on Sunday.

Mr. P. H. Williams, County Superintendent of schools, was a visitor to our town Sunday.

We regret to note the critical condition of Rev. P. J. Lockhart, and grave fears are entertained of his recovery.

Off to School.

A number of our boys and girls left for school this week, among them the following have been reported to us: Messrs Gus and Robert Sayers, Oscar Mustard, Lathrop O'Keefe and Willie Daniels, to Emory and Henry; Fred Kitts, Earl and Roy Thompson, Jas. Pendleton and Richie Peery, to Roanoke College; Misses Jennie Sayers, Margaret Harrison, Fannie Whitley, to Martha Washington; Garvin Crockett and William May to Randolph Macon; Robert Moore and Judson Gillespie to Fishburn; Otis St. Clair and Robert S. Graham, to University of Virginia.

RUSSIAN SHIP IN OUR WATERS

Transport Lena Runs Into San Francisco, Claiming She Needs Repairs.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The navy department today received a dispatch from Rear-Admiral Goodrich, commander-in-chief of the Pacific station stating that the Russian transport Lena had arrived there and that her commanding officer claimed that his ship's engines and boilers were in need of repair.

Secretary Morton has telegraphed Rear-Admiral Goodrich directing him to detain the Pacific squadron at San Francisco and to inquire of the commander of the Lena what his intentions are.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—The Russian transport Lena, which unexpectedly arrived in port yesterday from Vladivostok, remains at anchor off the Union Iron Works. Her commander stated that her boilers are in need of repairs, and that sometime must elapse before she will be in condition to go to sea. As yet nothing has been done towards placing her in dry dock and no intention has been disclosed regarding her future movements.

Navigation Officer Edeckneff, who speaks excellent English, said:

"We were sent to Vladivostok to transfer the troops home when the war should be over. The Lena is not a warship. We cannot fight."

"Needing repairs we were first ordered back the Baltic. Afterward these orders were changed, and we have come here because it is the nearest port in which we could get the new boilers we need."

Washington, Sept. 12.—The Japanese government has formerly protested to the United States against allowing the Russian cruiser Lena, now at San Francisco, to remain at that port longer than twenty-four hours.

The Lena can not stay at San Francisco to load with coal and make extensive repairs and then sail to prey on commerce. The Lena must leave San Francisco forthwith if she is fit for sea. If she is not fit for sea she must remain at anchor until the war is over.

The State Department this morning received a communication from United States Minister Griscom, at Tokio, giving the Japanese estimates of casualties in the battle of Liao Yang. According to these figures the Japanese loss was 17,000 and the Russians' 20,000.

Rev. Mr. Cronk in the City.

Rev. E. C. Cronk of Atlanta, Ga., and his wife, are in Virginia—Mrs. Cronk visiting her old home at Marion. Mr. Cronk is visiting the churches of Virginia in the interest of the Atlanta Mission. It will be recalled that Mr. Cronk preached a while in Tazewell some years ago. To hear this gentleman talk about Atlanta you would think him a Virginian, bragging about Richmond.

He spent a day or two in Tazewell this week, the guest of Mr. J. A. Greever, Dr. Henry Crockett and others.

Tazewell High School.

The Tazewell High School opened on Monday with about 150 pupils, in charge of the following teachers:

Prof. G. L. Byron, Principal, Miss Lou Coulling, 1st Assistant, Miss Rice, Miss Graham, 2nd Assistant, Miss Groseclose and Miss Ida Greever, Music Department, Miss Barker, of Kentucky. It will be seen that this is the same faculty as last year except the addition of Miss Ida Greever, who takes the place of Mrs. Miller, and Miss Barker, who takes the place of Mrs. Russell. The prospect is flattering for a very successful session of school.

Misses Coulling and Graham are of this town, Miss Rice, Farmville, Miss Groseclose, Wytheville, Miss Greever, Burke's Garden, this county, and Miss Barker, of Kentucky.

The closing of Tazewell College this year will increase somewhat the attendance at the High School, as quite a number of the children of the town have attended the college heretofore.

An "Elder" in Fact.

Rev. Mr. Morell, the Presiding Elder, is an ubiquitous, cosmopolitan, homogeneous preacher. It is difficult to keep track of him. One week he reported away down on Tug River in the wilds of West Virginia, and before you know it he pops up again away over in Buchanan. He is a worker as well as a "straightener," and withal a fine preacher, and popular with all classes as well as with the preachers in his district. He is winding up his year's work now, preparatory to the meeting of Conference in October, when he himself must appear before the powers that be, and "show up." His report will, no doubt, compare favorably with the best of the large number which will be made at the same time from other fields, especially in the way of "straightening" things.

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Mrs. Virginia Burkeholder

On the 26th day of August, one of our co-workers, Mrs. Virginia Burkeholder was summoned to enter into that "rest that remaineth to the people of God." She had been a great sufferer for many years. Many times the shadows seemed deep and the days long. She was kept at home the greater part of her time and missed meeting with us because physically unable to attend the meetings. Yet she always expressed herself as deeply interested in all that makes for the coming of the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. Through all of her sufferings she was remarkably patient and cheerful and it was good to talk with her—it sometimes made us feel ashamed of our impatience under lighter.

Our friend and sister will be missed by all of us but especially by the husband and children for whom so much of her strength was spent. In this hour of sadness we would especially commend these to the God of all grace, who is able to do for them "exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think" and we pray that, as they think of the gain of their loved one, they may learn to say from the heart, "Thy will be done."

It is our wish that a copy of this paper be entered upon our minutes as a lasting reminder of the quiet usefulness of her to whom we say not "Good-night," but wait till "in some fairer clime we say "Good morning."

Mrs. Ella Leslie,
Mrs. Eveline Kiser,
Mrs. Elsie Fugate,
For the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

Home Missions.

(Mrs. George Peery, Editor.)
There are so many calls for helpers all over our Southern Methodism, and so few who respond to those calls! Have we, as a Home Mission Society, any responsibility in the matter?

Our General Secretary says: The committee on Deaconesses have recommended nine young women to enter the Training School this year as deaconess candidates. These women come from Baltimore, Indian Mission, North Georgia, Alabama, Missouri and South Carolina Conferences. Note the fact that there are none from our own Conference.

Mrs. Bennett asks that individuals and not auxiliaries respond to her call for help in furnishing the boy's dormitory, London, Ky. She calls attention to the fact that should auxiliaries respond this would be almost sure to decrease the amount sent to the general treasury, and hence offset the appropriations to other work needing larger equipments.

Mrs. M. C. Florence, who has been teaching plain sewing and dress making in the A-B-C Home, Dallas, Texas, has resigned. Thus a very important place has been left vacant to be filled by some one who is willing and competent.

Arrangements have been made whereby a great missionary meeting for the South Atlantic States will be held in Asheville, N. C., May 17-21, 1905. This conference will be similar to the one recently held in Waco, Texas. Its success is assured from the fact that Dr. Ward, Dr. Atkins, Mr. Cain, and others of the General Board have it in charge. It will prove especially advantageous to the Carolina, Virginia, Holston and Georgia Conferences.

To the World's Fair.

The following Tazewell people left this week for a trip to the World's Fair: C. H. Peery, wife, and daughter, Miss Lettie, Geo. P. Hall, wife and Little daughter Katie, Wharton O'Keefe, John O'Keefe, Jeff Gillespie, E. W. Greever, Frank St. Clair, Misses Mame St. Clair, Estelle Bottumore, Helen Fudge, Allie Gray Buchanan, J. Ed Peery, wife and daughter, Misses Alice and Lizzie Hopkins, J. B. Meek and Ed Goodman.

For an Extensive Visit West.

Clerk, T. E. George and little daughter, Miss Nellie, and Dr. J. H. Crockett and son, Henry, leave next Sunday for a visit West. After a week or so at the big Fair they will visit relatives—the former to visit C. W. George in Missouri and brother in Okalahoma—the latter his brother in Albany, Mo.

NO REWARD OFFERED.

It has been rumored that a reward had been offered for the arrest of Calvin Caudill for whom a warrant has been issued, charging him with the killing of Ebb Henkle on Sept. 8th, as reported in this issue of the News. No reward has been offered so far as we can learn from the proper sources of information.

AGED MINISTER PASSES AWAY

Rev. P. J. Lockhart, of Cedar Bluff, Died Yesterday Morning.

Rev. Patton J. Lockhart died at his home at Cedar Bluff, yesterday morning at 6 o'clock.

It will be recalled that Mr. Lockhart sustained serious injuries on Aug. 31st, in which his leg was broken and hip dislocated by a horse. Owing to his old age fear was felt at the time that he would not recover. He was 73 years of age. The funeral takes place today at Cedar Bluff.

Mr. Lockhart leaves a wife but no children. He was the last member of his family we believe. Mr. Smith Lockhart, of our town, is a nephew of the dead preacher.

Mr. Lockhart's death will be sincerely mourned. He was beloved and respected by all who knew him. He had the confidence of the people. For a half century he preached a plain, earnest gospel as he believed it, and embodied its principles in his daily life. He "fought a good fight" and his memory will be revered through the years to come.

DESERVED SYMPATHY GIVEN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Caudill deserve and have the sympathy of their friends in their troubles. It has been only about two months since their youngest son was shot down by a drunken negro, and now they are again in deep sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Henkle, too, need comfort as they mourn a dead boy. Truly, no one knows what will befall their children. One thing we do know—whiskey and pistols are dangerous, and inevitably lead to tragedy, disgrace or death, and generally all three.

These sorrow stricken families deserve special sympathy, and they have it. At the same time, the causes which bring about such deeds cannot be too strongly condemned.

September Brides.

Mr. J. S. Beck, Electrical Engineer, Welch, W. Va., and Miss Regenia Beach, were married in Roanoke on yesterday. Miss Beach is a pretty and accomplished young Jewess, of Pocahontas, daughter of the well known merchant of that town, and a worthy citizen of the county.

R. Frank Bundy, Knob, Va., and Miss Osa Bradshaw, of Russell, will be married next Wednesday. The groom is a son of John G. Bundy, and a prominent young citizen. The bride is a daughter of C. S. Bradshaw, of Russell County.

Dr. L. E. Ward, the popular and handsome dentist of Pocahontas, will be married next Wednesday to Miss Nellie Hood, of Guineper, Va. These are a few, and the end of the list is not yet in sight.

David Jackson Shot.

On last Sunday afternoon at Six and Twenty-mile branch, Geo. Fuller, in company with several other men met up with David Jackson and Fuller being pretty well filled up on mean whiskey, and for some time past there had not been a very friendly feeling between the two men, consequently a row soon ensued, whereupon Fuller drew his revolver and fired three shots at Jackson, only one taking effect in his thigh, ranging upward. His physician does not consider the wound dangerous. The news was quickly carried to town, where a warrant was issued by Esq. Ratliff and placed in the hands of Jailer K. F. Edmonds, who made the arrest. Fuller made no attempt to get away and willingly came with the officer. His case will come up Monday before the Ball Commissioner for ball.

Dance Given—Very Sick.

Shrader, Va., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Grat McGuire is very ill at this writing.

Mr. P. G. Shrader is moving his goods from Mud Fork to the Cove.

Miss F. A. Dudley has returned from a visit to Mrs. Jim Pary's of Five Oaks. She also took in the Fair before coming home.

Mrs. M. J. Crockett and her little grand daughter, Lillie Gillespie, were visiting at the home of H. G. Gillespie's Sunday.

Mrs. E. P. Etter has been very sick, but is some what better.

A dance was given at the home of D. W. Sayers Friday night. All that were present seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Miss M. E. Dudley is visiting relatives at Graham this week.